

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association Newsletter – March 2006 – No. 15



CJO visitors at the AGM



3's Company performing at the AGM Reception

Annual Dance Night

In spite of the fact that several rival events were being held, it was a sell out for the Annual Dance Night held on 28th January, which this year was a barn dance. There was an excellent live band and to the delight of those present the callers lead them through a number of less common dances. Everyone participated in the dancing and a great night was had by all.

AGM and Reception

The Annual General Meeting and Reception took place on Saturday 4th March at St. Dunstons Hall. There were 43 members present and four visitors from Oocteville sur Mer, Alain Richard (CJO President), Eliane Richard, Suzanne Pinet and Françoise Sady. The current officers and committee were re-elected with the exception of Sandrine Hammerlindl who has left the committee and who was presented with a flower arrangement as a token of thanks by the Association. Mike Hill was duly elected to the committee. An amendment to the constitution concerning the need for members to have adequate travel insurance and the Associations policy concerning refunds for visits was approved and is now incorporated into the constitution.

Following the formal AGM there was a Reception where a 2 course buffet supper was served and members were regally entertained by the singing group 3s Company.

Special Raffle

At the Dance Night and also at the AGM Reception tickets for a special raffle were on sale and were drawn at the Reception. The prize was a visit for two to the Palace of Westminster, including climbing the tower to hear Big Ben chime and coffee with Dominic Grieve MP Shadow Attorney General. The special raffle was won by Andy Hopper.

Oocteville sur Mer Twinning Visit

The Official Twinning visit by Oocteville sur Mer to Bourne End takes place on 6/7/8th May. It is planned to hold a Soiree on the Saturday evening in the Wye Valley School hall which will be free for hosts and guests. A 3 course dinner and wine (throughout the evening) will be served and there will be a barn dance with a live band. On a first come basis and to the capacity of the hall, members that are not hosting will be able obtain tickets (£17 per person) to attend this event, meet our French visitors and join in the fun.

Dominic Grieve MP also plans to attend this event.

On Sunday it is planned that our visitors will visit Oxford during the day and join others with their hosts for barbeque suppers and perhaps a few songs.

Visitors will leave Monday morning, with arrangements being made to collect guests from hosts that must work. A letter will be sent by early April to hosts with details of their guests and arrangements.

Membership Renewal

If you have not yet paid your membership subscription for 2006 please do so as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on Association communications. £5 family membership and £3 single membership.

Members' Website

The members' website www.bebta.ukgo.com as well as giving useful details to members now contains photos and newsletters from events for the last 3 years.

Future Events

Dates for your Diaries

10th Jun - Quiz Night

26th Aug - Annual Garden Party

28th Oct - Autumn Dinner

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